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Intelligence coverage on Bulgaria and Southern Rumania

1. The more important products of the chemical industry of the area south of the Transylvanian Alps, including the southern portion of Rumania and the entire area of Bulgaria, are limited in scope. They include approximately 25 per cent of the sulfuric acid capacity of Rumania 1/, specifically that portion of output produced in the oil field area around Floesti, and the oil field oxygen production.

The other products of the industry of importance are produced at the recently completed Dimitrovgrad chemical combine in Bulgaria, where the entire domestic output of sulfuric acid 2/ and ammonia 3/, is made, ostensibly for use in fertilizer manufacture, but with conversion possible to manufacture of explosive materials.

The area defined includes production of lesser importance of fine chemicals, such as drugs and pharmaceuticals, soap, glycerine, and some explosives, in Rumania, and in Bulgaria, of very limited amounts of alkalies, carbides, explosives, soap, glycerine, and pharmaceuticals and drugs.

2. There has been a fairly small quantity of intelligence received on the area concerned.

3. While limited in amount, intelligence has been received fairly regularly, with recent coverage confined mostly to SO reports and FBIS items.

4. Quality of intelligence has varied from fairly reliable, as in the case of SO reports, to not reliable, as in the case of FBIS information, since Soviet-type reporting of production information is generally adhered to in radio broadcasts in this area.

5. No unexploited sources of information are known.

6. Intelligence coverage of the chemical industry in the area concerned is not considered direly critical in view of its relative unimportance in comparison with that of the collective Soviet Orbit. The only exceptions which can be taken represent relatively small requirements in terms of domestic production, the more important

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being the aforementioned Rumanian oil field sulfuric acid production and the output of the Dimitrovgrad chemical combine in Bulgaria.

- 1/ Estimated 25 per cent of Rumanian production being 15-20,000 metric tons per year as 100 per cent acid.
- 2/ Estimated as 10,000 metric tons per year as 100 per cent acid.
- 3/ Estimated as 15-20,000 metric tons per year as nitrogen.

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